

Rouge River Watershed 2009 Frog and Toad Survey Training Workshops



Help monitor the health of the Rouge River by listening for frogs and toads in your neighborhood. It's easy, fun, and important to the future of our environment.

To participate, attend ONE training workshop where you will get everything that you need to survey. Call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org to register. (Workshop is free but pre-registration is required)



Saturday February 14 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Southfield Parks and Rec Center
26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48034



Wednesday March 4 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188



Saturday March 14 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Farmington Hills Council Chambers
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336



Saturday March 21 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Plymouth Township Hall
9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

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A non-profit organization dedicated to restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. Phone (313) 792-9621 www.therouge.org

Additional Survey Information

- Surveying involves visiting a nearby wetland site at least twice a month beginning as soon as temperatures are above 46°F (late February or early March) and continuing through July. Surveys are done after sunset and require listening for 3 minutes.
- Data collected by volunteers is mapped and summarized and this information is provided to participants, Rouge communities, and other interested parties.
- The Rouge River Watershed is 466 square miles and there are over 1,000 blocks that need coverage. Surveys are best done in teams to increase safety at night.
- Because amphibians depend on clean water for breeding and need good quality upland habitat for the adult portion of their life, their presence is an indication good quality habitat. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.
- Eight species of frogs and toads call the Rouge River Watershed home. These are: wood frogs, chorus frogs, spring peepers, American toads, leopard frogs, gray treefrogs, green frogs, and bullfrogs. American toads and green frogs are the most abundant.

